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SUBJECT: TO VIMA REPORTS ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HODDING CARTER'S
LETTERS ON CYPRUS-RELATED MATTERS

1. IN A STORY DATED WASHINGTON IN THE SEPTEMBER 11
ISSUE OF TO VIMA, THE NEWSPAPER'S US CORRESPONDENT, EFSTATHIADIS,
CRITICIZED THE CONTENTS OF LETTERS WHICH HE SAID ASSISTANT
SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS HODDING CARTER HAS SENT TO GREEK-
AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS " ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT CARTER" IN
RESPONSE TO THEIR PROTESTS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER WAS NOT
FULFILLING HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN PROMISES, THE HE SUPPORTED THE
US-TURKISH DCA, ETC. UNDER THE TITLE "CARTER PLACES THE CYPRIOTS
IN THE 'SAME SACK' -- THE GREEKS VIOLATE HUMAN RIGHT ON CYPRUS*" THE
REPORT CHARGES THAT IN THE OPINION OF PRESIDENT CARTER THE
GREEK AND TURKISH SIDES HAVE THE SAME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CYPRUS--AND THAT THE RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS MIGHT EVEN BE GREATER.

2. REFERRING TO WHAT IS APPARENTLY A STANDARD TEXT USED BY THE
DEPARTMENT TO REPLY TO INQUIRIES ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION AND RELATED
ISSUES (A TRANSLATION OF WHAT IS PURPORTED TO BE THIS TEXT IS
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IN THE STORY), EFSTATHIADIS CLAIMED THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME
THAT THE WHITE HOUSE HAS OPENLY IDENTIFIED ITSELF WITH THE TURKISH
POSITION, WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY "GROUNDLESS," THAT HUMAN RIGHTS
VIOLATIONS HAD BEEN COMMITTED BY THE GREEK CYPRIOT SIDE DURING
THE YEARS PRIOR TO THE EVENTS OF 1974. HE ALSO POINTS OUT AS BEING
OF INTEREST THE STATE DEPARTMENT CONTENTION IN THE LETTER THAT
AMERICAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY IS IN THE "LONG-TERM

INTEREST OF THE US AND OF EACH OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN - GREECE, TURKEY AND CYPRUS." THIS, HE SAYS, REVEALS THE ATTITUDE OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION ON TURKEY'S ROLE.

3. THE EFSTATHIADIS STORY CAUSED SOME MINOR COMMENT IN TWO OTHER NEWSPAPERS TODAY (SEPTEMBER 12). PRO-GOVERNMENT VRADYNI EDITORIALIZED ESSENTIALLY THAT THE GREEK-AMERICAN COMMUNITY WAS BEING HOODWINKED BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WHILE ULTRA-CONSERVATIVE ESTIA SUMMARIZED THE STORY WITHOUT COMMENT IN A BRIEF NEWS COLUMN.
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